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SUPPORT FOR THE IRA

1. AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN NEW YORK AT NYU IRISH
FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD GAVE SPEECH TITLED
"DEMOCRACY, VIOLENCE AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP" WHICH
CONTAINED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH:

"IT IS, HOWEVER, INCONCEIVABLE AT THIS STAGE THAT THEY
(THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS IN IRELAND NORTH AND SOUTH)
SHOULD FAIL AND THAT NORTHERN IRELAND, THE WHOLE OF IRE-
LAND PERHAPS, FALL BACK IN AN ABYSS OF CIVIL WAR AND
MASSACRE. THIS NEED NOT HAPPEN. ABOVE ALL IF WE HAVE THE
WHOLE HEARTED HELP OF IRISH-AMERICANS IN THWARTING THE
FLOW OF MONEY WHICH IS USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARMS
THROUGH IRA FRONT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE IRISH
NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE."

2. THIS WAS FIRST INSTANCE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE THAT
SENIOR IRISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAS NAMED IRISH
NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE AS IRA FRONT

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